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FROM THE EDITORS

It's an exciting time for **BMC**. The Editorship is moving again - to Edmonton. As well, our new look will be unveiled within the next few issues. Watch for interesting developments.

This issue continues the minutes of the Annual General Meeting from the Winnipeg Conference, and reports from the Executive and the Chapters. It is always interesting to read what other regions are doing. This issue also contains the index for volume 13 and items such as the 1992 teleconference schedule. Note the announcements for the sale of the current **BMC** computer equipment and for the next **CHLA/ABSC** Conference in Banff!

As the Editors change, we would like to express our appreciation to the **CHLA/ABSC** Board of Directors and previous Editors Linda Wilcox and Jill Faubert for their continuing support. We would like to thank those who contributed regular features and original papers to volume 13. It is especially nice to publish local library happenings and items about or written by our members. We hope that you will enjoy seeing your material in our exciting new journal.

Diane Jewkes
Editor

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A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Jennifer Bayne

Director, Library Services
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Dear Colleagues,

I am delighted to be writing in my capacity as President of **CHLA/ABSC**. Having just returned from the **CHLA/ABSC** Conference in Winnipeg, I am again reminded of the many achievements of this association. I hope with your support to continue to provide the leadership tradition that has resulted in such success.

I've recently returned from the annual conferences of MLA held in Washington, D.C. and **CHLA/ABSC** in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Canadians attended MLA in record numbers and were very visible as presenters and participants. I was struck by the tremendous leadership roles that librarians are taking with respect to integrating technologies and to educating their clients and patients. With the growing emphasis on customer-oriented service that is one of the keys of Total Quality Management, and a major theme at MLA, librarians are in a position to take an even greater leadership role. We must articulate and record what we have practised throughout our professional lives - an orientation to the customer - and provide the literature base that our administrators need to make informed decisions. The **CHLA/ABSC** conference chose a theme of "Worlds to Explore". Keynote speakers addressed the future of Canada's health care system and the ways in which libraries can respond to the challenge of providing services in a world of shrinking resources. We also enjoyed a wonderful banquet complete with square dancing!

At a time of fiscal restraint, when economic concerns are forcing health care institutions to reassess their priorities, all those who work within them must struggle with the reality of trying to do more with less. Librarians have long worked according to the principles of resource sharing and rationalization. In my work on multidisciplinary boards and committees, I am often struck by the realization that my role as librarian within a larger library community is seen as a model to be emulated by other groups. We do provide a leadership role with respect to how to make cooperative resource-sharing principles work. We can also provide the knowledge and technology to prove that communication, patient care and literature can be integrated and that it can be done cost-effectively. What a

tremendous opportunity to prove to our administrators that we not only contribute to better patient care but that we do so more efficiently and at less cost than they could themselves.

I look forward to working with you to provide the data and research we need to continue to prove our worth and leadership credentials.

In closing, I would like to highlight the remarkable achievements that **Ada Ducas** has realized over this year. She stepped into the President's office one year earlier than expected and has done a superlative job heading **CHLA/ABSC** at a time of rapid change. Not only has she accomplished this but she has also co-chaired the organizing committee for this year's conference. She'll be a difficult act to follow!

UN MOT DE LA PRESIDENTE

Jennifer Bayne

Directrice des services de bibliothèque
The Toronto Hospital
(division générale de Toronto)

Chers/chères collègues,

Je suis ravie de pouvoir écrire ce mot en ma qualité de présidente de l'**ABSC/CHLA**. La conférence de l'**ABSC/CHLA** où j'étais récemment, m'a remis en mémoire les nombreux accomplissements de cette association. J'espère qu'avec votre appui, je pourrai en assumer la direction et continuer une tradition qui a produit de si bons résultats.

Je suis revenue tout dernièrement de deux conférences annuelles, celle de l'ABM/MLA à Washington, D.C. et celle de l'**ABSC/CHLA** à Winnipeg, Manitoba. Les canadiens/nes étaient très bien représentés à la conférence de l'ABM/MLA par leur nombre et leur visibilité comme présentateurs et participants. Le rôle important de dirigeants/antes entrepris par les bibliothécaires en ce qui concerne l'intégration des technologies et de l'éducation de leurs clients et des patients m'a beaucoup impressionné. Vu l'importance croissante des services orientés vers le consommateur, un des facteurs du "Total Quality Management/gestion concentrée sur la qualité", et un des thèmes principaux de l'ABM/MMLA, les bibliothécaires sont en mesure d'assumer un rôle de direction encore plus important. Nous devons énon-

cer et documenter ce que nous avons pratiqué au cours de notre vie professionnelle - une orientation vers le consommateur - et fournir la littérature de base nécessaire à nos administrateurs pour qu'ils puissent prendre des décisions avisées. La conférence de l'**ABSC/CHLA** a choisi comme thème: "Des univers à explorer". Des orateurs de marque se sont adressés à l'avenir du système des soins de la santé au Canada et aux moyens disponibles aux bibliothèques pour relever le défi et pourvoir au besoin de services dans un monde où les ressources sont de plus en plus restreintes. Nous avons aussi profité d'un banquet magnifique y compris une danse carrée!

En ces temps de restrictions fiscales, des préoccupations économiques imposent des contraintes aux institutions des soins de santé et les oblige à réévaluer leurs priorités. Tous ceux qui travaillent dans ces institutions sont aux prises avec des situations réelles où ils doivent essayer de faire plus avec moins. Depuis longtemps, les bibliothèques ont travaillé selon les principes de la rationalisation et du partage des ressources. Au cours de mon travail comme membre de comités et de conseils multidisciplinaires, je me rends compte que mon rôle de bibliothécaire au sein d'une communauté comprenant plusieurs bibliothèques est perçu par d'autres groupes comme un modèle à imiter. Nous offrons en effet une direction en ce qui concerne les efforts entrepris pour assurer que les principes du partage coopératif des ressources réussissent. Nous pouvons aussi offrir les connaissances et la technologie qui démontrent la possibilité d'intégrer les communications, les soins aux malades et la littérature et démontrer qu'on peut le faire d'une façon rentable. Quelle occasion formidable de prouver à nos administrateurs qu'en plus de contribuer à l'amélioration des soins aux patients, nous pouvons aussi le faire d'une façon plus efficace et plus économe qu'ils peuvent le faire eux-mêmes.

J'attends avec impatience le moment où nous pourrons travailler ensemble pour fournir les données et la recherche nécessaires pour démontrer notre mérite et justifier nos qualifications comme dirigeants/antes.

Pour finir, j'aimerais souligner les accomplissements remarquables réalisés par Ada Ducas au cours de l'année. Elle a hérité du titre de présidente un an plus tôt qu'attendu, et elle a réussi superbement comme directrice de l'**ABSC/CHLA** en ces temps de changements rapides. Et ce n'est pas tout, elle a aussi coopéré comme membre du comité préposé à l'organisation de la conférence de cette année. Il sera difficile de surpasser cette performance.

Translated by

Yolande McArthur

CHLA/ABSC SIXTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Winnipeg, Manitoba
June 8, 1992

1. CALL TO ORDER AT 2:30 P.M.

1.1 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted without amendments. Moved by L. Starr. Seconded by J.Van Reenen.

1.2 ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF THE 15th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Amendments were made to 3.1 and 3.2.

3.1 Last sentence, paragraph two should read, "The Fund will be used to support students demonstrating an aptitude for medical librarianship at the School of Library, Archival and Information Studies, University of British Columbia where W. Fraser taught for many years."

3.2 Change "M. Brown" to "M. Grant".

The minutes were then adopted without further amendments. Moved by J. Henderson. Seconded by J. Bayne. Carried.

2. BUSINESS ARISING

None noted.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A. Ducas reported that the **CHLA/ABSC** Board met four times in the past year to discuss Association business. The 1991 Post-Conference Board meeting was held in Hamilton, the Fall meeting in London, the February meeting in Toronto and the 1992 Pre-Conference Board meeting was held in Winnipeg.

A. Ducas pointed out that the location of the Board meetings is chosen with the aim of keeping meeting costs to a minimum and also to allow local chapters the opportunity to make representation to the Board.

Some of the activities of the Board during 1991-92 were the amendments of the By-laws to reflect current practice; the approval of a new **CHLA/ABSC** Chapter, Newfoundland and Labrador Health Libraries Association (Catherine Lawton/President, Linda Barnett/Vice-President-President-Elect, Shirley Cooper/Secretary-Treasurer); the publication in **BMC** 13(4), 1992 of "Best Reference Sources (Canadian Supplement)"; the publication of "Workload Measurement Systems: a Guide for Libraries" produced by the **CHLA/ABSC** Task Force on the CHA/MIS Guidelines; support of the **CHLA/ABSC** - CCHFA Liaison in the face of challenges to current library standards; the investigation of changes in the appearance and production of **BMC**; approval to financially support the production of the second edition of the "Sourcebook of Canadian Health Statistics" and the updating of the **CHLA/ABSC** - MLA Bi-Lateral Agreement.

A. Ducas reinforced Board policy regarding the issue of recognition of the Annual Conference Planning Committee's efforts. She reiterated that, as the Association is small and relies heavily on annual conference profits, it is not possible to waive the registration fees for the Planning Committee members. Board policy is that the hard work of the Planning Committee will be acknowledged with the funding for a post-conference dinner.

J. Joyce was commended for her work as **CHLA/ABSC**-CCHFA Liaison and all Chapter Presidents and others were thanked for their responses to requests for information on CCHFA issues.

A. Ducas announced that Dr. J.G. Marshall was the winner of the 1992 **CHLA/ABSC** Award for Outstanding Achievement. Dr. Marshall's many years of dedication to medical librarianship and her ground-breaking research on the impact of the hospital library on clinical decision making formed the basis of her award.

After E. Burglund, MLA-**CHLA/ABSC** Liaison was introduced, she extended greetings to the membership from MLA.

No questions followed the presentation of the President's Report.

4. TREASURER'S/AUDITOR'S REPORT

Treasurer G. Beckett submitted the audited Financial Statements of the Association for the year ending December 31, 1991. He moved that Mr. K.D. Kimmerly be reappointed auditor for 1992-1993. Seconded by J. Greenwood. Motion carried.

Significant highlights of the Treasurer's Report included the fact that while the Association income exceeded expenses by $7,370 in 1991, in 1992 the Association may experience a significant deficit due to increasing costs associated with Association activities such as **BMC** production and anticipated lower annual conference revenues. While

CHLA/ABSC's cash reserves can manage this deficit in the short run, efforts must be made to avoid recurring deficit situations. It was with this deficit scenario in mind that G. Beckett moved that starting in 1993 the membership fees for **CHLA/ABSC** be increased (Regular members: from $45 to $55 and Institutional members: from $65 to $85). Seconded by J. Greenwood. Discussion ensued before motion carried.

J. Greenwood, J. Henderson and B. Brown spoke strongly in favour of this motion. Respectively, the points they raised were that this fee must be compared favourably with those of other professional associations, that people are getting value for their money through the CE courses, Annual Conference and **BMC** and that the proposed increase is modest and reasonable.

Additional questions followed concerning raising student fees and the rate for **BMC**. G. Beckett stated that student fees would not be raised, and that **BMC** subscriptions will increase, as announced in **BMC**.

A. Ducas responded to B.Brown's query concerning the occurrence of the last membership fee increase by stating that it was raised at the AGM in Halifax in 1988.

5. REPORT OF NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

C. Quinlan summarized the results of the 1991-1992 elections. Due to A. Ducas assuming the Presidency one year ahead of schedule, a by-election was held for her vacated position of Vice-President/President-Elect. J. Bayne was the successful candidate.

An election for three vacant Board of Directors positions was held; B. Brown was elected Vice-President/President-Elect, P. Ellis and C. Thacker were acclaimed respectively as CE Coordinator and Secretary. C. Quinlan encouraged all members to participate in their association by allowing their names to stand for election.

C. Quinlan thanked D. Davey, at the Secretariat, for handling the administrative duties involved with the elections.

A motion that 221 ballots be destroyed was made by C. Quinlan. Seconded by L. Starr. Carried.

With a thank you to everyone for making her five year involvement on the Board of Directors enjoyable and productive, C. Quinlan closed her remarks.

6. CONTINUING EDUCATION REPORT

With the presentation of this report, L. Wilcox' term as CE Coordinator comes to a close. She extended her appreciation to all those who assisted her with the coordination and development of the CE activities for the Association.

An overview of the 1991-1992 CE activities and a detailing of the CE columns which appeared in **BMC** was presented. L. Wilcox thanked the local CE Coordinators for their work in organizing CE events for the Winnipeg conference and J. Faubert for her enthusiastic and capable moderating of the Telemedicine series. The membership is reminded that moderators and presenters receive the Telemedicine programs free of charge. L. Wilcox spoke of her involvement with the revisions of the CE sections included in the **CHLA/ABSC** - MLA Bi-Lateral Agreement.

M.L. Veeken, C. Brault and D. Jewkes awarded the third annual Student Paper Prize to J. Blythe, F.L.I.S. student.

J. Greenwood, J. Bayne and S. Hendricks were thanked for their dedication and hard work on the Task Force on the CHA/MIS Guidelines which resulted in the **CHLA/ABSC** approved CE course entitled Introduction to Workload Measurement Systems for Libraries and the accompanying workbook "Workload Measurement Systems: A Guide for Libraries". They were also thanked for their suggestions for revisions to the **CHLA/ABSC** Guidelines for Course Development.

L. Wilcox responded to a question from B. Saint concerning the inconvenient time slot for the Telemedicine series in B.C. with the good news that it will now air on Fridays at 1:10 - 2:00 p.m. EST.

7. PUBLIC RELATIONS/MEMBERSHIP REPORT

J. Faubert reported that the membership figure currently stands at 475, including 9 lifetime members and 14 complimentary subscriptions to **BMC.** D. Davey was thanked for her excellent membership record keeping and her production of the Directory.

J. Faubert encouraged the membership to make full use of the available association publications and promotional material such as the "Standards for Canadian Health Care Facility Libraries", the Flower Report, the Fact Sheets, and the **CHLA/ABSC** brochures, posters and notepads. It was with pleasure that J. Faubert announced the arrival of the **CHLA/ABSC** publication "Workload Measurement Systems: A Guide for Libraries". The Library Happenings column in **BMC** is available to members to publicize the many and varied promotional initiatives used in their libraries. She requested that all members consider submitting descriptions of their initiatives, as well as ideas, problems and solutions, to **BMC.**

8. REPORT OF THE BMC EDITORS

In D. Jewkes' absence, P. Schoenberg, incoming **BMC** Editor, presented the Editors report. The present editorial board was responsible for Volume 13 (2) - (4), 243 pages and will produce Volume 14(1) and the Index for Volume 13. The professional look of **BMC** will soon be enhanced by a new cover and the possibility of changing to an 8 1/2" x 11" format. The feasibility of desktop publishing and the upgrading of the computer equipment which supports **BMC** preparation are being investigated. The assistance received from J. Faubert, L. Wilcox, Y. McArthur and B. Ceccolini was gratefully acknowledged. A special thank you was extended to all **BMC** contributors.

P. Schoenberg announced that the Board of Directors has appointed S. Shores as the Assistant Editor, 1992-1993.

In response to a question from L. Starr concerning preferred format for **BMC** submissions, P. Schoenberg stated that while both printed and disk formats will be accepted, the disk format is especially welcome.

9. REPORT OF THE **CHLA/ABSC** REPRESENTATIVE TO THE HSRC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

C. Kelly outlined the activities of the HSRC Advisory Committee meeting of the past year and explained HSRC's involvement in the Grateful Med LOANSOME DOC/DOCLINE document delivery program.

C. Kelly stated that she has been honoured to participate as **CHLA/ABSC** Representative for 1990-1992 and encouraged other members to take up the task.
H. Dansereau was introduced as the new **CHLA/ABSC** Representative to HSRC.

10. REPORT OF THE **CHLA/ABSC** - CCHFA LIAISON

J. Joyce directed members' attention to **BMC** 13(3), 1992 for a thorough discussion of the 1991 **CHLA/ABSC** concerns relating to CCHFA issues. She presented an encapsulation of the issues, ending her report with a discussion of the gains accomplished in the last year and the initiatives planned for the coming year.

Possible strategies for 1992-93 could include lobbying the professional associations of the members of the CCHFA Board of Directors (such groups would include the College of Family Physicians of Canada, Association of Canadian Teaching Hospitals, Canadian College of Health Services Executives, etc.), establishing an Ad Hoc Committee of J. Joyce, J. Faubert, J. Bayne and a "to be named" **CHLA/ABSC** member to further explore

accreditation issues, and developing an information kit/display which could be exhibited at the above mentioned professional associations' annual conferences.

J. Joyce mentioned that it would be beneficial to approach MLA members about their approach to JCAHO, their accrediting body.

A. Ducas acknowledged J. Joyce's skilful handling of the sensitive accreditation issues and noted that the Association is very fortunate to have had J. Greenwood and J. Joyce working on our behalf.

11. REPORT OF THE CHLA/ABSC TASK FORCE ON CHA/MIS GUIDELINES

J. Bayne presented the Task Force's work to date. After many years of work, she was pleased to announce the publication of "Workload Measurement Systems: A Guide for Libraries". The guide forms the basis for the **CHLA/ABSC** approved course on WMS. This guide is available for members for $30 and to non-members for $40. She acknowledged the Association funding support for the development of the project and the production of the Guide. Plans are under way to market the Guide beyond health libraries to wider audiences.

J. Bayne noted that the Task Force had been officially dissolved at the Pre-Conference Board Meeting but that it was the recommendation of the Task Force that a liaison from within the membership be identified to carry out the necessary management of the National Reporting Forms and the analysis of submitted data. Terms of reference for the Liaison have been identified and were presented to the Board at the Pre-Conference meeting.

On her closing note, J. Bayne thanked the other members of the Task Force, S. Hendricks, J. Greenwood, A. Ducas, J. Van Reenen, and J. Kublin.

12. ONTARIO HEALTH LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION (OHLA) REPORT

P. Johnson, Vice-President/President-Elect represented M. Gillet, President, who was unable to attend. After stating that the OHLA report would be submitted to the Board, P. Johnson extended greetings to all attenders from the OHLA membership. She announced that the theme for the OHLA Annual Meeting Monday, October 26, 1992 in Toronto will be "The Future is Now". J. Bayne is one of the invited speakers. H.S. Buchanan, Louisville, Kentucky will present an MLA accredited CE course on Tuesday, October 27, 1992 entitled "Quality Imperative: An Introduction to Total Quality Improvement for the Information Professional".

13. 1993 **CHLA/ABSC** CONFERENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE

J. Cole. 1993 Conference Planning Committee Co-Chair complemented the planners of the Winnipeg conference. On behalf of the 1993 Planning Committee, he extended an invitation to the membership to attend the **CHLA/ABSC** Seventeenth Annual Conference, June 12-16 1993 in Banff, Alberta. "Peak Performance" is the theme for the conference. While the programming is beginning to take shape, J. Cole said that the 1993 Committee will be receptive to content recommendations and suggestions received from the Winnipeg evaluation questionnaire. Dr. Edward J. Huth, Editor of The Online Journal of Current Clinical Trials, is one of the confirmed speakers.

14. NEW BUSINESS

14.1 **CHLA/ABSC** BY-LAWS

A. Ducas stated that the guiding principle of the Board's approach to the amendment of the By-Laws, 1979 was not to change them radically but to bring them up to date with current practice. Suggested amendments to the By-Laws were circulated to the membership in March 1992.

Discussion followed L. Starr's questions concerning the wording of the mission statement, voting capability of institutional members and the need for all chapter members to be **CHLA/ABSC** members. L. Starr also noted the omission of the "Section 4. Management" from the copy of the By-Laws circulated in March. A. Ducas moved to reinstate "Section 4. Management" in the By-Laws. Seconded by J. Henderson. Carried. A. Ducas thanked L. Starr for her comments concerning the By-Laws and pointed out that due to the higher fees paid, institutional members are entitled to two votes. Regarding chapter members, the By-Laws now state that only officers of the chapter must be members of **CHLA/ABSC**.

A. Ducas moved to adopt the By-Laws as distributed and amended. Seconded by G. Beckett. Carried.

15. OTHER BUSINESS

None Noted.

16. TRANSFER OF CHAIR

A. Ducas acknowledged the work done by G. Beckett, J. Bayne, and J. Faubert. All of the members of the Board leaving office at this AGM, C. Quinlan, L. Wilcox, D. Jewkes and L. Sutherland were cited for the quality work that they contributed to the Association. A. Ducas closed her remarks by expressing her gratitude to the membership for the support which they provided her during her term as President. The Chair was transferred to J. Bayne.

17. ADJOURNMENT

J. Greenwood moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by C. Thacker. The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

ATTENTION ALL CHLA/ABSC MEMBERS

MEMBERSHIP FEES INCREASE

As you know, our Association relies on the fees paid by its members and the revenue from annual conferences to meet expenses associated with **CHLA/ABSC** publications and other Association committees and task forces. Membership fees have not been increased for more than four years.

Therefore, at the Sixteenth Annual General Meeting in Winnipeg, Manitoba it was decided that fees be increased starting in 1993 in the following membership categories **only**:

Regular Member	From $45.00 to $65.00
Institutional Member	From $65.00 to $85.00

TREASURER'S REPORT

George Beckett

The 1991 audited financial statements prepared by Mr. Kenneth D. Kimmerly, C.A. are presented here for your information. I will move at the annual general meeting that Mr. Kimmerly be reappointed as auditor for fiscal year 1992.

A REVIEW OF 1991

The highlight of the financial statements is that the Association income exceeded expenses by $7,370 in 1991. This was a welcome improvement after the $5,269 deficit experienced in 1990. The increase in income can be attributed to the following factors:

- a successful and profitable Hamilton conference
- a significant decrease in expenditures in areas such as printing and postage, board and task force travel, depreciation and promotion expenses

One point that should be made about the $7,370 profit is that this is a "paper" figure since 1991 also saw an unusually large advance for the 1993 Banff conference which acted to eliminate this profit from the immediate control of the Association.

The Sourcebook of Canadian Health Statistics continued to sell well in 1991 and the available stock of this publication has almost been eliminated. Plans are under way for a revised edition to be published in 1993. The royalty expenses listed in Statement III are for the authors of the Sourcebook.

Board meetings were centralized in 1991 in order to reduce travel costs while other costs were reduced due to less activity in areas such as printing, promotion expenses and task force expenditures.

1992 - THE CURRENT YEAR

While 1991 was a financially successful year for the Association, 1992 is going to be a much more difficult year. Due mainly to lower anticipated income from the Winnipeg conference, less publication income as the Sourcebook supply is exhausted and significant expenditures for new computer equipment for **BMC** production, I am currently forecasting an approximate deficit of $12,700 in 1992.

The final amount of the deficit may be significantly reduced if the new Guide to Workload Measurement Systems sells well but the popularity of this publication is unknown at this time. A deficit of $13,000

is a serious concern. The Association can manage this deficit out of existing cash reserves but stringent efforts must be made to avoid making such a deficit a common occurrence.

The Board is looking closely at all sources of income and expenditure of the Association with a view to reducing expenses as much as possible without reducing the services provided to members. Particular attention is being given to more effective printing procedures and increasing income from publishing operations. It is in this environment that the Board is proposing an increase in membership fees. The proposed increase in membership fees is intended to more closely match the costs of providing membership services such as **BMC** and the directory.

1993 AND ONWARD

Over the next year the Board will be working on development of a long term financial plan for the Association. We are all aware of the increasingly difficult financial environment within which all health libraries operate. The Association has to learn to deal with growing printing, postage and travel costs at the same time as low interest rates and diminishing institutional support for Association membership and activities. Major decisions will have to be made about directions for future development of the Association. As Treasurer I would appreciate hearing any comments from members which they might wish to make on this topic. We have a strong and vibrant association. We must all work together to keep it that way.

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AUDITOR'S REPORT

Kenneth D. Kimmerly

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To the members of the Canadian Health Libraries Association

I have audited the balance sheet of the Canadian Health Libraries Association as at December 31, 1991 and the statements of the financial activities for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Association's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that I plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In my opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Association as at December 31, 1991 and the results of its operations for the year then ended in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

K.D. Kimmerly
Chartered Accountant

Etobicoke, Ontario
May 5, 1992

CANADIAN HEALTH LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION
BALANCE SHEET
DECEMBER 31, 1991

STATEMENT I

	DEC. 31, 1991 $	DEC. 31, 1990 $
ASSETS		
Current		
Cash in Bank	25,180	25,117
Accounts Receivable	1,015	3,035
Investments (Mkt - 17,618)	15,423	15,288
Advances - Conferences	11.141	4,345
	52,759	47,785
Fixed		
Microcomputer	-	7,476
Exhibition Screen	-	812
	-	8,288
Accumulated Depreciation	-	8,288
	-	-
	52,759	47,785
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	1,000	3,396
	1,000	3,396
CAPITAL		
Statement II	51,759	44,389
	52,759	47,785

CANADIAN HEALTH LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION
STATEMENT OF CAPITAL **STATEMENT II**
DECEMBER 31, 1991

	YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31,1991	YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31,1990
	$	$
Balance - January 1st	44,389	49,659
Loss: Excess of Expenses Over Income	-	5,270
Add: Excess of Income Over Expenses	7,370	-
Balance - December 31st	51,759	44,389

CANADIAN HEALTH LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES — STATEMENT III
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1991

	YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31,1991	YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31,1990
	$	$
INCOME		
Membership Dues	22,753	22,488
Conference Income	12,000	7,868
Publication Sales	11,556	12,832
Promotion Sales	185	575
Interest Earned	2,428	3,048
	48,922	46,811
EXPENSES		
Printing, Postage, Courier	15,680	19,739
Travel and Meetings	7,314	8,762
Task Force	2,745	5,242
Audit Fee	1,000	1,000
Royalties	2,507	-
Promotion Expenses	1,314	2,553
Depreciation	-	2,435
Awards	1,437	-
Secretariat Services	4,670	7,449
Secretariat Expenses	4,332	3,240
Computer Supplies	196	245
Bank Charges	77	139
Sundry	280	1,277
	41,552	52,081
Excess of Expenses Over Income	-	5,270
Excess of Income Over Expenses	7,370	

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Catherine Quinlan

As approved at the 1991 Annual General Meeting in Hamilton, a by-election was held in the Fall of 1991 to fill the position of Vice-President/President-Elect which was vacated by Susan Hendricks for personal reasons. Jennifer Bayne was elected.

Voter response was similar to that of other **CHLA/ABSC** elections. Two hundred and twenty-one ballots were received and counted (none spoiled) for a response rate of approximately 43%.

I am pleased to announce the names of the new Board members who began their term of office at the Post-Conference Board Meeting in Winnipeg:

Vice-President/President-Elect
(by acclamation)

Bev Brown
Medical Library
University of Manitoba

Directors (by acclamation)

Patrick Ellis
W.K. Kellogg Health Sciences Library
Dalhousie University

Candace Thacker
Hamilton General Division Library
Hamilton Civic Hospitals

My thanks to the Nominations Committee as well as all those who considered letting their name stand for election. While the economic climate and the effect it has had on many of our members' institutions persuaded a number of people that they could not now stand for election, I hope that this decision will be reconsidered next year.

Retiring from the Board are Leslie Sutherland who served as Secretary for two years, Linda Wilcox who served as **BMC** Editor and then as CE Coordinator for two years and Catherine Quinlan who served two years as Treasurer and then three years as President-Elect, President and Past-President.

REPORT OF THE CHLA/ABSC CE COORDINATOR

Linda Wilcox

CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Continuing Education Co-Chairs, Bev Brown and Dallas Bagby organized an excellent slate of CE course offerings for our 1992 Annual Conference in Winnipeg. Registrants had a chance to participate in the following:

MEDLARS Introductory Workshop
MEDLARS MeSH Workshop
MEDLARS Intermediate Workshop
MEDLARS Advanced Workshop
GRATEFUL MED
CHLA/ABSC CE 92-1 Improving your Communication Skills
CHLA/ABSC CE 92-2 Managing your Hard Disk
CHLA/ABSC CE 92-3 Health Information on the Internet
CHLA/ABSC CE 92-4 Successful Proposal Writing
CHLA/ABSC CE 92-5 Introduction to Workload Measurement Systems for Special Libraries

TELECONFERENCING PROGRAMS

In conjunction with the CE Coordinator of the Ontario Hospital Libraries Association, a series of programs were presented via Telemedicine Canada.

The 1991/92 topics were:

Consumer Health Information: a networking approach (Joanne Marshall); Collection Development in Nursing (Elizabeth Hawkins Brady); Mental Health Information Resources (Mai Why); Drug Information Resources: alleviating reference desk "adverse reactions" (Lea Starr); Evaluating the Clinical Literature: a guide for the librarian and the patron (Jeannette Buckingham); Automating the Small Library (Barbara Carr); Copyrights and Wrongs (Susan Merry); Collection Evaluation in a Small Library (Karen Gagnon); AIDS & HIV Literature (Patricia Shotton); Local Area Network: One Hospital's Experience (Lynn Elias); Queen's Medical Students Survive in the Information Age (Suzanne Maranda); Update from the **CHLA/ABSC** Annual Meeting in Winnipeg featuring the M.I.S. Task Force (Ernie Ingles & Jennifer Bayne). A very special thank you is extended to each of these participants for their time and efforts in presenting these educational sessions. This year, the Hospital Libraries Telemedicine Series was enthusiastically and very capably moderated by Jill Faubert.

For the Spring Series, 1992 a total of 37 different sites registered, with 13 sites signing up for more than one program. One of the sites tuning in was a hospital in Bermuda!!

CE COLUMN

The Ce Column in **BMC** vol.13(2) featured an article "On Teaching" reprinted with permission from **Memorial University Teaching and Learning Newsletter**. The next 2 columns in subsequent **BMC** issues reported on the Survey Distribution (Part 1) and the Survey Results (Part 2) for the Board initiated undertaking of discovering the "Best Reference Sources" according to Canadian academic health sciences librarians across the country. The results produced a **Canadian Supplement** to the original survey conducted in the U.S. which was published in **Medical Reference Services Quarterly** 1990 Winter; 9(4):43-79 and produced a detailed list of the reference books that U.S. medical school librarians considered most valuable. The **Canadian Supplement** was published in **BMC** vol.13(4), 1992 and many thanks are extended to the fifteen reference librarians who took the time to complete this survey during the busy school year. The task of the next CE Coordinator may be to explore the needs and interest of our membership in furthering this project by including annotations and updating the list regularly or perhaps by surveying the opinions of the rest of our membership re their most valued reference tools.

FACT SHEETS

The Fact Sheets inserted in **BMC** for volume 13 were: #11 - The Impact of the Hospital Library (Joanne Marshall); Essential Microcomputer Utilities and Tricks (George Beckett).

STUDENT PAPER PRIZE

The three judges for this year's contest were Mary-Lou Veeken, Carole Brault and Diane Jewkes who awarded the third annual Student Paper Prize to Jennifer Blythe, a F.L.I.S. student from Hamilton, Ontario. Watch for this award-winning paper entitled "Information-Seeking Patterns of Health Science Professionals: A Review of the Literature" to be published in an upcoming issue of **BMC**.

CE COURSE DEVELOPMENT

The Board is very proud of the outstanding efforts of Susan Hendricks, Jan Greenwood and Jennifer Bayne who completed the **CHLA/ABSC** Guidelines for Course Development and are prepared to present the **CHLA/ABSC** Workshop entitled "Introduction to Workload Measurement: A Guide to Special Libraries and the publication **Workload Measurement Systems: A Guide for Libraries**. They also helped the CE Coordinator by suggesting some ways to improve these newly established guidelines which will be of great assistance to rest of our membership who are hopefully contemplating the opportunity to become **CHLA/ABSC**'s next "course developers".

My term as CE Coordinator on the Board has ended, and with this final report, I'd like to express my sincere appreciation to all the Board members that I have worked with and to all those whom I contacted who said "yes" when I asked for their time and talents in producing a Fact Sheet or presenting a Telemedicine

Program. During this past year, the CE Coordinator also had input into the process of revising and updating the Bilateral Agreement with MLA to ensure that from now on the credit hours assigned to **CHLA/ABSC** approved courses will be recognized by MLA in their certification program "Academy of Health Information Professionals".

These past two years have certainly been a "continuing education" experience for me as I have learned to really appreciate the many "teaching" talents possessed by many in our membership and the dedication and commitment of those who take on the leadership roles in our association. I highly recommend to the membership to "continue their education" by volunteering to be involved in the many activities of our Association.

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Jill Faubert

MEMBERSHIP

The membership of **CHLA/ABSC** continues to reflect the strength of our association. Membership currently stands at 475 members; this figure includes 9 life members, and 14 complimentary subscriptions. I would like to extend thanks and appreciation to Dorothy Davey for her excellent work in handling the membership records and producing the Directory.

PUBLICATIONS

The list of **CHLA/ABSC** publications continues to grow. We all look forward to the successful launching of the **Workload Measurement Systems: A guide for special libraries**. This publication is the culmination of 3 years of work by the **CHLA/ABSC Task Force.**

The **Workload Measurement Systems** is a welcome addition to an already impressive list of publications. Other **CHLA/ABSC** publications still available through the office include **Standards for Canadian Health Care Facility Libraries** and **The Flower Report**.

PROMOTION

As the competition for dollars increases so does the necessity and value of marketing our unique contribution to our organizations. The **CHLA/ABSC** brochures, posters and notepads are excellent sources of promotional material.

I would like to encourage the membership to share their own marketing and promotion strategies by contributing successes, ideas, and examples to **BMC**. The Library Happenings column is an ideal vehicle for communicating your ideas.

It is the communication and networking of ideas, problems, and solutions which make associations such as ours exciting and vital parts of our professional life.

REPORT OF THE EDITORS OF BIBLIOTHECA MEDICA CANADIANA

Diane Jewkes
Editor

Peter Schoenberg
Assistant Editor

The current editors have published volume 13(2), 13(3) and 13(4). Volume 14(1) is in production and will be distributed in late July. Volume 13 contained 243 numbered pages of conference papers, original articles and regular **BMC** features.

Costs to date: (three issues)

Part time help	$ 1580
Translation	$ 515
Supplies and Services	$ 740

Over the past year, **BMC** editorial staff and the Board of Directors have been working on a new look for **BMC** which should be unveiled shortly. A new cover has been developed in white and the colour which we have christened "CHLA blue". We are considering a larger typeface for enhanced readability, as well as highlighting material with boxes or other visual accents. The initial section of information for authors and the table of contents will be redesigned. We are currently investigating the feasibility of desktop publishing for a professional look. However, this option may prove to be too expensive for our group in current times.

Another option under consideration is a change to an 8 1/2" x 11" format. This would enhance our publication but also requires more material to fill those larger pages. Remember that **BMC** is your journal. Please consider **BMC** for articles and items concerning your area or individual library. The current editors have been fortunate in receiving a substantial amount of material. Submission on disk is particularly welcome. The upgrading of computer equipment for production of **BMC** is under discussion. Watch **BMC** for updates.

The Editors would like to thank all those who contributed material to **BMC**. This includes presenters at the 1991 Conference, members and others who submitted original papers and those who sent items concerning local libraries and services. We would like to thank the contributors of regular columns, as well as those who contributed special reports. We would especially like to thank the **BMC** correspondents who have kept the membership informed of happenings in their regions.

In 1991, **Yolande McArthur** became the first official **CHLA/ABSC** translator. As well, **Bruna Ceccolini** has helped many **BMC** Editors with the printing and final production of **BMC**. Their assistance has been very appreciated. The editors would like to thank the **CHLA/ABSC** Board of Directors for their support of **BMC** and especially previous Editors **Jill Faubert** and **Linda Wilcox** for their continuing help.

Following the production of volume 14(1), the Editorship changes to **Peter Schoenberg** in Edmonton after several years in Southwestern Ontario. The Board has appointed **Sandra Shores** of Edmonton as Assistant Editor for 1992 - 1993.

REPORT OF THE CHLA/ABSC - CCHFA LIAISON

Janet Joyce

Since my last report in **BMC** 13(3): 1992, I have attended the semi-annual CCHFA/National Organizations meeting in Ottawa on April 15. Attenders at this meeting are the representatives from the organizations which collaborate with CCHFA on standards for their services.

Highlights of the meeting included an update on the CCHFA strategic plan, and presentations on a model for the revision of standards and the consultation process.

CCHFA STRATEGIC PLANNING

CCHFA has identified a number of issues and directions, based on its internal and external review. Among these are:

1) Standards: CCHFA will continue extensive ongoing collaboration/consultation with the health care community so that standards will be seen to be peer-generated. Expansion into new markets, such as community-based health services, will be cautious. Standards are needed for facilities with fewer than 50 beds.

2) Survey & Award: Institutions are very concerned about getting value for their money. The accreditation process will continue to move away from an audit role towards a consultative/educational one which supports an organization's self-assessment. Because there is a heavy burden on institutions which participate in accreditation from a number of accrediting bodies, there will be a review of accreditation processes, possibly with a view to eliminating duplication.

3) Quality: Standards are needed for continuous quality improvement (CQI). CCHFA will continue to promote the value of accreditation and demonstrate the linkage between providing high quality care and achieving the CCHFA standards.

STANDARDS CONSULTATION AND REVISION PROCESS

Marilyn Colton, Director, Standards Review and Development, reported on improvements to the process. The eight standards documents have been grouped into two categories: 1) the acute care/long term care documents and 2) the mental health and rehabilitation documents. Documents in each group will be revised in alternate years.

The calendar for the revision of AC/LTC documents in 1992 is as follows:

1) From January to June, CCHFA will get responses from constituents, both internal and external, including surveyor feedback, National Health Organizations meetings, etc.

2) In March 1992, a generic model will be approved by the CCHFA Standards Committee board. (This generic model for clinical services was presented for discussion at the meeting). CCHFA will produce a revised draft # 1 (revision of 1992 documents).

3) Between June and September 1992, draft # 1 will be circulated to the National Health Organizations and a random sampling of facilities and surveyors. It is at this point that **CHLA/ABSC** will be providing feedback on the standards.

4) The document goes to the Technical Committee between October and December 1992, and draft # 2 will be prepared.

5) In January and February 1993, the document goes to the National Steering Committee comprised of surveyors and facility representatives. There is a steering committee for each document. Draft # 3 is prepared.

6) The document is approved by the Standards Committee Board of CCHFA in March 1993.

7) In April 1993, the relevant sections are mailed to constituents involved in the process.

8) The publication cycle is from April to June 1993.

9) In August 1993, the standards are mailed to the field.

10) Beginning in January 1994, facilities are surveyed based on the new documents.

Another item of interest is that CCHFA has been approached by groups to develop clinical/non-clinical parameters or guidelines. It was the consensus of the National Organizations at the October 1991 roundtable discussions, and CCHFA concurs, that CCHFA might play a role in encouraging and stimulating the development of guidelines, but they should be developed by professionals involved in providing service. I think we can be proud to be leaders with our 1989 Standards for Canadian Health Care Facility Libraries.

I will be seeing many of you at the annual conference in Winnipeg, and I look forward to discussions regarding standards with you. I've just recently gone through the accreditation process, and would like to share experiences with you.

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REPORT OF THE CHLA/ABSC HSRC LIAISON

Claire Kelly

The Fall Meeting of the Health Sciences Resource Centre Advisory Committee was held on November 29, 1991. The Committee was introduced to Margot Montgomery, the newly appointed Director of CISTI who replaces Elmer Smith. Present were Bernard Dumuchel, Kathryn Mikoski, Margaret Walshe of CISTI, Maureen Wong of HSRC, Vivien Ludwin, representative from ACMC, Susan Libby and myself, **CHLA/ABSC** representatives. Marianne Bruce of **CHLA/ABSC** was unable to be present.

New developments in the areas of resource sharing and document delivery were discussed. These included Loansome Doc/Docline, which is an important new network which allows Grateful Med users to place an online order for a copy of an article cited in references retrieved from Medline. If so desired the article can be faxed immediately.

Members of the Committee expressed concern over rising costs which all information centres are facing and the need for sharing resources. In particular, the ever increasing cost of journals is forcing many centres to cancel subscriptions.

This was my final year of a three-year appointment to the HSRC Board. As a representative of the **CHLA/ABSC** this has allowed me to bring to HSRC the perspective on the needs of the health science community, particularly those of the pharmaceutical industry. I have been honoured to have served on this Committee and hopefully have helped in the enhancement of resource sharing and other communication. I urge any member when called upon to act in this capacity for **CHLA/ABSC** to do so. The rewards from the experience are many.

Heather Dansereau of Ciba-Geigy has been named the new **CHLA/ABSC** Representative. Do contact her on any matters relating to HSRC or CISTI.

REPORT OF THE CHLA/ABSC TASK FORCE ON THE CHA/MIS GUIDELINES

Jennifer Bayne, Co-Chair

Since writing to you last, the Task Force has accomplished a great deal. Four years of hard work by Task Force and Association members has resulted in publication of Workload Measurement Systems: a Guide for Libraries. Task Force members and the Board encourage **CHLA/ABSC** members to purchase a copy by writing to the address shown at the end of this report. The price for members is $30.00 and for non-members $40.00. We also encourage you to submit results of **your** time trials on the National Reporting Forms provided in the Guide.

The Guide formed the basis of an approved CE course on Workload Measurement Systems given by **Jan Greenwood** at the Winnipeg Conference in June, 1992. Over 40 members registered for the course - a **CHLA/ABSC** record and a testament to the interest in WMS! Prior to the Winnipeg course, a preliminary course was given in Kingston, Ontario in February by **Jan Greenwood** and **Susan Hendricks** to much critical acclaim.

The final report and recommendations of the Task Force were presented to the Board at the Winnipeg pre-conference meeting. Having met its mandates, the Task Force was officially dissolved on June 6th, 1992. I would like to thank not only those Association members who took the time to participate in two time trials but also the other members of the Task Force - **Ada Ducas, Jan Greenwood, Joyce Kublin, Johann van Reenen** and my Co-Chair, **Susan Hendricks**.

At the pre-conference Board meeting, the Task Force proposed that a mechanism be put in place to ensure that data collected be used effectively. We therefore suggested that a liaison be appointed from within the membership whose terms of reference would include gathering and compiling of the National Reporting Forms, analysis of the data gathered, literature updates to appear in **BMC** on WMS and maintaining communication with the Board and membership. It is our hope that, through the ongoing contact of a liaison, the results of members' WMS activities may be put to the best possible use and communicated effectively.

We look forward to the Board's decision on this matter and thank the members of **CHLA/ABSC** again for their support and assistance.

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CENTRAL ONTARIO HEALTH LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION (COHLA)

ANNUAL REPORT

Judy MacIntosh, President

1992 - 1993 Executive:

President:	Judy MacIntosh Peterborough Civic Hospital
Secretary/Treasurer:	Norma Dickerson Ross Memorial Hospital, Lindsay

Sharing of resources and mutual library concerns has been the focus of COHLA's 1991-1992 activities. With our members spread over a 300 kilometre radius and working mostly in one- or two-person libraries, our successful networking is a great asset to us all.

We held two very informative and interesting meetings in the past year. The fall session at Peterborough Civic Hospital was focused on communication and featured two speakers. Lynn McColl presented a humorous synopsis of Deborah Tannen's "You Just Don't Understand", a fascinating book about male-female communication and the possible reasons for frequent misunderstandings. Laurie Thompson gave us a mini-workshop on "Getting to no", which allowed us to practice three strategies for saying "NO" to demands made upon us - a very useful lesson for most of us!

At our spring meeting held in May at Georgian College in Barrie, we were thrilled to be able to host a workshop by Tom Fleming of McMaster University. Using his 1990 book "Sourcebook of Canadian Health Statistics" as the basis of his presentation, Tom gave us invaluable information about handling some of our most challenging reference questions.

Besides our semi-annual meetings, our other resource sharing tool is the COHLA Union List, the fourth edition of which is due to be published in the summer of 1992.

Our 1992-1993 goals include continuing to share our resources, our uses of technology to enhance and streamline our work as Librarians, and our strategies for dealing with the budget cutbacks which have affected us all.

HEALTH LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION OF B.C. (HLABC)

ANNUAL REPORT

Katheleen M. Ellis, President

In recognition of the fact that the achievements of our Association are primarily the result of the dedicated efforts of Committees and their members, the primary focus for this year has been the development and expansion of the role of committees. This was done with the aim of providing enhanced opportunities for all members to participate in the many activities of HLABC. The role of the Executive continues to be that of providing direction and coordination, as well as searching out new avenues of activity.

The former Social Committee was renamed and restructured as the Program Committee with expanded responsibilities for the planning of programs for HLABC's General Meetings, including selection of speakers and hosting libraries. Three very interesting speakers and presentations were arranged during the year:

- An overview of the Ambulance Service in B.C. by Ian Dailly of the Paramedic Academy of B.C.

- Editors do it to Deadlines by Danda Humphries, Managing Editor of the B.C. Medical Journal

- Cholera in India 1760 - 1825: A cautionary tale for the 20th Century by Dr. John Norris, Professor Emeritus, U.B.C. Faculty of Medicine

Thanks also go to the hosting libraries.

HLABC's newsletter "Forum" has evolved over the years to become a journal of which we can be rightfully proud! Achievement of this has not been accomplished without the dedicated efforts of many Editors and Co-Editors. This year saw the establishment of a Forum Committee to share the workload and also to provide opportunities for all budding writers and future Editors to become acquainted with the joys and sorrows of newsletter design and publishing.

After successfully coordinating the publication of the 3rd edition of the **HLABC UNION LIST OF SERIALS** in 1990 - 1991, the Union List Committee continues to explore a variety of options with regard to the updating process, future production and distribution of the list, and record compatibility with major medical resources such as NLM. HLABC's Union List was also chosen (together with Kingston Area Health Libraries Association) as the recipient of the 10th Anniversary Commemorative Award from **CHLA/ABSC**, in recognition of its

contribution to medical information. The Award was accompanied by a grant of $250.00 which, together with the B.C. Ministry of Health grant of $2200.00 (awarded in 1990 - 1991) ensured that the costs of the 3rd edition were totally underwritten by external funding.

The Consumer Health/Education Committee continues to focus its efforts on the development and promotion of the HealthQuest (Consumer Health) Database.

The Continuing Education Committee has been investigating a variety of topics for workshops and hopes to focus attention on the legal implications of medical information in an upcoming workshop.

A new Hospital Librarians Committee has been proposed and is scheduled to hold its first meeting prior to the Annual General Meeting on May 29, 1992. It is hoped that the formation of such a Committee will address issues and concerns common to all Hospital Librarians in the Association.

Other activities this year included revision of the **HLABC Fact Sheet** and participation in Health Conference '91 (co-sponsored by the B.C. Health Association, the Registered Nurses Association of B.C. and the B.C. Medical Association). HLABC's participation included an Information Table/Display and a workshop entitled: "So you need information: Accessing the Medline database" presented by Jim Henderson, Director of the Medical Library Service. HLABC also donated a gift certificate for an online search (worth $50.00 at any HLABC member library) as a door prize.

HLABC is a co-sponsor and many of our members are actively involved in arrangements for the 1992 Annual Meeting of the PNC/MLA (Pacific Northwest Chapter of the Medical Library Association) scheduled to be held in Vancouver September 30 - October 2, 1992.

As a chapter of **CHLA/ABSC**, HLABC continues to benefit from the work of this national body, especially in the area of coordinated response to issues of concern to health librarians. The HLABC President responded on behalf of the Association to concerns raised by the changes to the **Standards for Acute Care and Long Term Care Facilities** as proposed by the Canadian Council on Health Facilities Accreditation Standards. Other HLABC members also took the time to voice their concerns about these changes.

The 1992 Annual General Meeting of HLABC is scheduled for May 29, 1992 and will, as usual, combine dinner with business. A pleasurable item of business will be the proposal to expand our membership categories to include Life Memberships. This will enable HLABC in future to honour members for their contributions to the Association and to the profession of Health Librarianship.

In closing, I would like especially to thank the members of this year's Executive for all their hard work and support during my term as President. I want also to welcome incoming President Pat Lysyk and her new Executive, and wish them much success in their efforts on behalf of our Association.

KINGSTON AREA HEALTH LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION (KAHLA)

ANNUAL REPORT

Barb Carr, President

The KAHLA executive is beginning the second year of a two-year term. The members of the executive are:

President: Barb Carr
St. Lawrence College

President-Elect: Michelle Lamarche
Brockville Psychiatric Hospital

Secretary-Treasurer: Karen Gagnon
Kingston Psychiatric Hospital

Past-President: Margaret Darling
Kingston General Hospital

The Association gained two new members last year, Cindy Renaud from Prince Edward Heights in Picton, and Lynne Jordon from the Kingston Public Library.

As in previous years, KAHLA continued its work to facilitate resource sharing among the area health libraries. Projects undertaken to this end include the updating of the Union List of Serials in Kingston Area Health Libraries and the Union List of Consumer Health Books in Kingston Area Health Libraries.

The Association met formally on three occasions during the past year. Much discussion at the meetings centred around the CCHFA Standards, and various submissions were made by KAHLA to the **CHLA/ABSC** Task Force on Hospital Library Standards. At the October 1991 meeting, our speaker was Dr. M. O'Connor of the Queen's University Faculty of Medicine, who spoke on the medical school's new curriculum, its emphasis on self-directed and life-long learning, and its implications for hospital libraries. At the February 1992 meeting, a **CHLA/ABSC**-sponsored workshop was conducted on "Developing Workload Measurement Systems". The May 1992 meeting included a tour of the new Learning Resource Centre for medical computer and audiovisual materials, located within Bracken Library at Queen's.

In addition to the formal meetings, the Telemedicine series on hospital libraries provided an opportunity for members to meet informally twelve times during the year. Members Barb Carr, Karen Gagnon and Suzanne Miranda each presented a teleconference in the 1991-1992 series.

Members Vivien Ludwin, Deborah Dafoe, Margaret Darling, Barb Carr, and Lynne Jordon presented a session at the Ontario Library Association Conference in Hamilton in November 1991 on health information sharing in the Kingston area.

We look forward to another productive year!

LONDON AREA HEALTH LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION (LAHLA)

ANNUAL REPORT

Linda Voelker, President

1991-1992 Executive:

President: Linda Voelker
Allyn and Betty Taylor Library
University of Western Ontario

President-Elect/Secretary: Mary Gillet
Victoria Hospital

Treasurer: Leslie-Ann Legge
Parkwood Hospital

Past President: Linda Wilcox,
Shared Library Services,
South Huron Hospital,
Exeter

Membership levels have dropped from 1990-91, and we hope it's because people have just forgotten to pay their membership fees! With budget cuts and layoffs everywhere, our numbers are decreasing. Membership fees were increased to give us more options for CE courses and other activities.

The October 1991 meeting was held in the new Allyn and Betty Taylor Library (the old Sciences Library with a beautiful new addition) at the University of Western Ontario. An attempt has been made to assist the hospitals in their purchase of CD-ROM products by having anyone interested piggyback on the appropriate subscriptions at the University (Compact Cambridge MEDLINE and CINAHL).

Our Spring 1992 meeting was held on April 23, and hosted by Mary Gillet at Victoria Hospital, South Street. It was not possible this year to coordinate the MEDLARS courses given by HSRC with the meeting. However, four courses were held April 28-30, with two Grateful Med courses (10 and 18 attendees), Intro I with 9 attendees, and an Advanced with 10 participants. Our thanks to Dianne Pammett (HSRC) for her energy, enthusiasm, stamina, and humour in packing so much instruction into three "short" days!

One of the new committees formed last year, the Consumer Health Education Subcommittee, continues in its efforts to promote the acquisition and delivery of consumer health information. Several of the committee members attended a meeting in Toronto to network with others in the field. The UWO Teaching Hospital Forum continues to deal with concerns that affect the University and its affiliated teaching hospitals, what with budget cuts, journal cancellations, layoffs, increases in photocopy charges, and introduction of CD-ROM service charges, to name a few.

Lorraine Busby (Taylor Library) and Jan Figurski (University Hospital Library) are co-chairs of the Planning Committee for **CHLA/ABSC** 1994. Chairs of all appropriate subcommittees have been chosen, and volunteers are being actively pursued. WAHLA (Windsor Area Health Libraries Association) has agreed to work with us in the programming, and we look forward to their assistance and expertise.

This coming year we look forward to the ongoing cooperation among LAHLA members at a time when we are all having to adapt to working with less. Journal cancellation projects will probably become the norm in our struggle to live with shrinking budgets, and it is becoming obvious that cooperative ventures will need to extend beyond Chapter boundaries to include the province and the country.

MANITOBA HEALTH LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION (MHLA)

ANNUAL REPORT

Marilyn Brooke, President

1991 - 1992 Executive Committee:

President:	Marilyn Brooke
Vice-President: President-Elect:	Greg Wilton
Secretary:	Jan Johnson
Treasurer:	Gail Kohut

While much was accomplished this year by the Association and committees, it was mainly business as usual given the heavy commitment to planning the **CHLA/ABSC** 1992 Annual Conference and General Meeting to be held in Winnipeg in June 1992. The MHLA Serials Holding Committee focused its attention on marketing and maintaining the 1991 edition of the Union List of Serials. Thirty-eight of fifty copies printed were sold for a profit of $1,055.00. The committee is also exploring the possibility of mounting the list on Bridge, the on-line catalogue of St. Boniface Hospital and the University of Manitoba. The A/V Interest Group is planning to print a new edition of its Audio Visual Union List as soon as the records are updated.

Once again the MHLA participated in the Manitoba Health Organization Annual Conference in November 1991. Presentations by Audrey Kerr, University of Manitoba Medical Library, Carolyn Presser, Director of Libraries, University of Manitoba, Michael Tennenhouse, Acting Director, University of Manitoba Medical Library and Konrad Erikson, Victoria General Hospital on various aspects of library planning and resource sharing were informative and well received by the attenders. The committee is already planning for participation in the 1992 MHO Conference. The Program Committee had a busy year beginning with the organization of the very successful joint fall meeting with the Saskatchewan Health Library Association at the Brandon General Hospital in Brandon in October 1991. They also made arrangements for the winter meeting at Concordia Hospital and for speakers Konrad Erikson and Michael Tennenhouse who spoke on CD-ROM networks and for the Annual General Meeting in April at the Health Sciences Centre, Nursing Library.

Three issues of the MHLA News were published by the very capable Deer Lodge Centre staff. The North Dakota Liaison Committee was active and we can expect

some of the North Dakota members to attend the **CHLA/ABSC** Conference here in June. The Current Awareness Committee continues to provide a valuable service through their tables of contents service to interested members.

The Barb Carstens Memorial Fund has generated $200.00 interest. A motion was carried by the membership to use this interest toward payment of the MHO Conference's speaker's fee.

The **CHLA/ABSC** 1992 Conference Planning Committee, co-chaired by Judy Inglis and Ada Ducas is in full swing in preparation for the conference in June 1992. As mentioned above, a great deal of the Association's energy and time has been focused on this event and we are anticipating an exciting and successful conference.

Three business meetings were held in 1991-92: the Fall Meeting was held on October 4, 1991 at Brandon General Hospital in Brandon and was a joint meeting with SHLA; the Winter meeting was held at Concordia Hospital on February 18, 1992; and the Annual General Meeting was held on April 30, 1992 at Health Sciences Centre, School of Nursing.

The Association's membership for 1991-92 included 25 personal members, 22 institutional members and 3 honourary members. We had one new personal member.

The Nominations/Elections Committee sought nominations for new members of the next Executive Committee. An election was called for the position of Secretary. The successful candidate was Laurie Blanchard. New members elected by acclamation are: President-Elect Dallas Bagby; Treasurer Gail Kohut. They will join the new President Greg Wilton for the 1992 - 1993 Executive Committee. Good Luck.

I would like to thank my fellow officers Greg, Jan and Gail for their help and support throughout the year. To members of the Association, I thank you most sincerely. I would also be negligent if I did not thank the staff at the Information Resources Centre, Manitoba Health who put up with me, and encouraged me and kept things running when I spent time throughout the past year on MHLA.

MARITIME HEALTH LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION (MHLA)
ASSOCIATION DES BIBLIOTHEQUES DE LA SANTE DES MARITIMES (ABSM)

ANNUAL REPORT

Anne Kilfoil, President

The MHLA/ABSM held its annual meeting in Fredericton at the offices of the Nurses' Association of New Brunswick (NANB) in April 1992.

Guest speaker at the annual meeting was George Bergeron of NANB who gave an informative presentation regarding the content and availability of NANB publications.

Also at this meeting, the new executive members of the association were elected by acclamation for a two-year term. They are:

Past-President:	Marthe Brideau Hopital Dr.Georges L. Dumont, Moncton, NB
President:	Anne Kilfoil Saint John Regional Hospital Saint John, NB
Vice-President:	Paul Clark Dr. Everett Chalmers Hospital Fredericton, NB
Secretary:	Nancy MacAllister Hotel Dieu Hospital Chatham, NB
Treasurer:	Susan Libby The Moncton Hospital Moncton, NB

The Union List of Serials in Maritime Health Libraries was published in late 1991 for MHLA/ABSM members. It includes the holdings of 16 hospitals in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. This is the first edition of a union list which includes libraries from all three Maritime provinces.

The "MHLA/ABSM Bulletin" was published twice over the past year with the next issue scheduled for publication in September.

The Association is currently working on a Directory of Maritime Health Libraries which we hope will be available in the upcoming year.

In the upcoming year, MHLA/ABSM plans to concentrate on expanding its membership in the Maritimes and to work towards enhancing communications between all members.

There is a meeting scheduled for the fall of 1992 in Saint John, NB and we hope to meet with all of our Nova Scotia members in Halifax in the spring of 1993.

MONTREAL HEALTH LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION (MHLA)
ASSOCIATION DES BIBLIOTHEQUES DE LA SANTE DE MONTREAL (ABSM)

ANNUAL REPORT/RAPPORT ANNUEL

Anca Cojocaru, présidente

Comité executif/Executive Committee	
Anca Cojocaru	présidente president
Louise Bourbonnais	vice-présidente Vice-president
Nora Stamboulieh	ex-president
Marjolaine Martel	trésorier treasurer
Marise Boyer	sécretaire secretary
Affiliations: Membership:	52 membres members

L'association a tenu trois réunions au cours de cette année. Il y eut deux ateliers sur l'informatisation de bibliothèques, données par des bibliothécaires qui ont déjà fait l'expérience de ce processus. Un premier atelier a eu lieu en Octobre et l'autre en Novembre 1991, au Centre hospitalier Côte-des-Neiges. Ont participé approx. 22 membres à chaque rencontre. Une troisème activité consistait à inaugurer un "Club de lecture" dont on souhaite qu'il soit poursuivi regulièrement selon une périodicité détérminée par les membres.

Le "Bulletin de l'ABSM" a subi un rajeunissement quant à sa présentation graphique; il a étét publié deux fois au cours de l'année. Comme la collaboration avec d'autres associations de bibliothèques médicales de la région de Montréal (ABSAUM, MMHALA, ASTED-Santé) se poursuit efficacement, ces dernières font paraitre des comptes-rendus de leur activités dans ce bulletin.

L'ASTED a sollicité la participation de l'ABSM à un débat sur la diversité des associations qui existent dans la province et les besoins de réorganisation qui s'ensuivent; elle a également fait ressortir un besoin pressant: celui de crèer un catalogue collectif provincial.

La troisième édition du Catalogue collectif des périodiques dans les bibliothèques de la santé de Montréal est parue; 65 bibliothèques ont participé à cette édition et 120 exemplaires ont été vendus, aussi bien à Québec qu'à l'extérieur de la province.

La réunion générale de l'année aura lieu le 19 mai pour l'élection du nouvel exécutif. Notre conférencière invitée sera le Dr. Faith Wallis, directrice de la bibliothèque Osler de l'Université McGill.

NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR HEALTH LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION (NLHLA)

ANNUAL REPORT

Catherine Lawton, President

President:	Catherine Lawton Hospital Library St. Clare's Mercy Hospital
Vice-President: President-Elect:	Linda Barnett Health Sciences Library Memorial University of Newfoundland
Past President:	Shaila Mensinkai Library Services Janeway Child Health Centre
Secretary: Treasurer:	Shirley Cooper Health Sciences Library Memorial University Newfoundland
Membership:	18

Greetings from the newest Chapter of the **CHLA/ABSC**! The Newfoundland and Labrador Health Libraries Association (NLHLA) was granted Chapter status in CHLA/ABSC in March 1992.

The NLHLA met for its annual general meeting and workshop in November 1991 at the Janeway Child Health Centre which was hosted by Shaila Mensinkai. The program consisted of:

1. A presentation given by Catherine Sheehan, Memorial University Health Sciences Library, on Copyright as it currently applies to Health Libraries. A discussion followed.
2. A presentation on Humour in the Workplace was given by Paul Smith, Head of the Folklore Department at Memorial University.
3. A round table discussion, led by George Beckett, on cooperation among health libraries in the province.
4. Annual Business Meeting.
5. A presentation entitled "Beds, Bugs and Bodies - Pathology of the Newfoundland Health Care System" was given by Christopher Heughan, Department of Surgery, Memorial University of Newfoundland.
6. A tour of the host Library.

NORTHERN ALBERTA HEALTH LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION (NAHLA)

ANNUAL REPORT

John Back, President

This year's activities focused around three general meetings, a Christmas party, and a combined annual general meeting/ dinner. The Hospital Libraries Group, the NAHLA subgroup formed last year to provide an informal but frequent forum for discussing matters of mutual interest and concern, continued to meet monthly. Significant time, energy, and thought were further invested by many within the local health library community concerning NEOS (Networking Edmonton's Online Systems), the proposed consortium of Edmonton area libraries initiated by the University of Alberta in 1991. Details of NAHLA's involvement with NEOS will be conveyed in future issues of **BMC** as appropriate. The 4th edition of the NAHLA Union List of Serials comprising the holdings of 15 participating libraries was published in the fall of 1991. The sudden death of Jake Vande Brink February 22, 1992 (see **BMC** 13(4): 243) brought a deep and widespread sadness to an otherwise positive and prosperous year.

Highlights of the four NAHLA general meetings were:

October 22, 1991: Guest speaker Andreas Sungaimin presented "Quality Improvements in Health Care". Andreas discussed Total Quality Improvement within the context of situations facing health care organizations today. Key considerations included: "What are our Alternatives?"; "What can Total Quality do?";" Our role in total quality". Photocopies of the overheads from this presentation are available upon request from John Back, c/o Weinlos Library, Misericordia Hospital, Edmonton.

January 21, 1992: First guest speaker Gloria Lam gave an overview of Alberta Nursing Education Media Information Catalogue (ANEMIC): a union catalogue of audiovisual materials held by institutions offering nursing education programs in Alberta; second guest speaker Dr. Charles Bidwell provided an introduction and hands-on session about interactive videodisc computer assisted instruction. Persons interested in additional information about these topics can contact Gloria Lam and Dr. Bidwell at Health Sciences Media Services, University of Alberta.

April 14, 1992: Guest speaker Kristy Hollingshead described the role and services of the Alberta Centre for Well-Being. This unique centre strives to play an instrumental part in educating Albertans about the all-encompassing concept of well-being. The Centre's Network currently unites over 5000 groups, agencies, and health professionals scattered throughout Alberta. The NAHLA Executive would be pleased to provide free brochures to anyone interested in learning more about the Centre.

May 25, 1992: The Annual General Meeting was held in the pleasant surroundings of a local tea house. The 1992-1993 Executive is listed below:

President:	Gail Moores Peter Wilcock Library Charles Camsell Provincial General Hospital
Vice-President: President-Elect:	Joanne Lavkulich Library and Inquiry Services Branch Alberta Health
Secretary:	Anne Smithers Cameron Library University of Alberta
Treasurer:	Lea Starr John W. Scott Health Sciences Library University of Alberta

NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO HEALTH LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION (NOHLA)

ANNUAL REPORT

Barbara Murray, Coordinator

1991 - 1992 Executive are:

Coordinator:	Barbara Murray Thunder Bay District Health Unit
Secretary:	Carol Schmaltz McKellar General Hospital

With the addition of two new members, Lakehead University and the Health Sciences Resource Centre, there are now twelve members in our library network. Several Telemedicine teleconferences were hosted by various members of the Association. However, the members decided it would be beneficial to meet on a monthly basis to discuss any problems or concerns and to have their own professional development sessions. Professional development this year has included sessions on library policies and procedures, collection of statistics and development of copyright policies.

The NOHLA Union List of Serials was updated and expanded again this year by Shann Brown of the Resource Centre for Occupational Health and Safety. In addition to previous listings, the titles of medical and health related journals held by Lakehead University Library were also included. The union list has been distributed to various libraries and interested agencies throughout the city.

In March, Tom Fleming of McMaster gave an excellent workshop on Grateful Med for the members at the Health Sciences Resource Centre. This software package is now being used in the majority of libraries in our network.

Several members of NOHLA will be attending the **CHLA/ABSC** annual conference in Winnipeg this year, and are looking forward to the opportunity of meeting other **CHLA/ABSC** members.

SASKATCHEWAN HEALTH LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION (SHLA)

ANNUAL REPORT

Leona Lang, President

Executive Committee for 1992 - 1993:

Leona Lang	President
Edward Perry	President-Elect
Melva Cooke	Secretary
Muriel Griffiths	Treasurer

SHLA met twice in the past year. The fall meeting on October 4, 1991 in Brandon, Manitoba was a joint meeting with Manitoba Health Libraries Association. SHLA hosted a wine and cheese get-acquainted social on the evening of October 3. This was well attended and appeared to be enjoyed by all. The combined groups met at Brandon General Hospital and heard presentations on library software by Laurie Blanchard, Arthur Short and Greg Wilson (MHLA). Lynn Kozun (SHLA) spoke about the NOTIS systems in Regina and its implementation at Saskatchewan Health Library. Bev Brown and Steve Sirkka (MHLA) talked about MHLA Serials and the AV Union List. Wendy Barber (MHLA) spoke on the proposed family resources at the Children's Hospital and Leona Lang (SHLA) presented SHLA's position statement on Access to Health Libraries. In the afternoon the groups conducted separate business meetings.

The spring meeting was held at Yorkton Union Hospital on April 7, 1992. Guest speaker was Elmer Schwartz, President of Saskatoon City Hospital. His topic was "Saskatchewan Health Care System Update". This was of great interest as changes are occurring rapidly with the formation of health boards in the larger centres. Later, SHLA members discussed how the proposed move of specialists to smaller centres would challenge local health libraries and how information needs could be met. We hope to pursue this topic further at the fall 1992 meeting.

SOUTHERN ALBERTA HEALTH LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION (SAHLA)

ANNUAL REPORT

Mumtaz Jivraj, President

1991 - 92 Executive Committee members:

President:	Mumtaz Jivraj Holy Cross Hospital
Vice-President:	Judy Flax Tom Baker Cancer Centre
Secretary/Treasurer:	Jean Finley Long Term Care Resource Centre

MEMBERSHIP

As of May 1992, the membership stands at 22.

MEETINGS

3 General and 1 Annual General meetings were held.

At the May 2, 1991 general meeting the President was requested by the Chief Medical Librarian at the Calgary Bow Valley Centre and Peter Lougheed Centre to convey to the members information regarding the reduced services at this Library including the complete loss of Interlibrary Loan service to all local libraries due to the budget cuts. It was decided to send a letter of concern from SAHLA commenting on the importance of the collection and also the fact that patient care could be affected. A letter was sent to the Administration on behalf of the SAHLA members.

A general meeting was held on September 10, 1991 at which Mrs. E. Kirchner, the Librarian of Bow Valley Centre thanked members for their support and happily reported that all services including the ILL service were restored on August 15, 1991. Judy Flax gave members an account of the sessions she attended at the **CHLA/ABSC** conference including the CE courses.

A general meeting was held on December 9, 1991 at which the 1992 CCHFA Standards were discussed. The President reported to the members that Ms. Glenna Westwood who had filled a temporary Hospital Librarian position at the Lethbridge Regional Hospital since the beginning of Carolyn King's maternity leave had been terminated. Also, the position has now been filled by a part time secretary. SAHLA members decided to send a letter of concern to the Lethbridge Regional Hospital and include relevant articles on the importance of a professional librarian. A copy was also sent to Janet Joyce, CCHFA/CHLA/ABSC liaison. We received a brief and ambivalent reply from the Hospital CEO.

At the March 10, 1992 general meeting, the members were informed about a new service that SAHLA was initiating. It is the "Librarian's TOCS" - table of contents of all library journals subscribed by the members will be put together and circulated quarterly.

The General Meeting is planned for June 23, 1992, which will be a post-conference meeting.

EDUCATION PROGRAMS

SAHLA sponsored 4 Ontario Hospital Association Telemedicine teleconferences:

Date	Title
October 1, 1991	Collection development in nursing
November 6, 1991	Copyright questions and answers
December 3, 1991	Evaluating the clinical literature
February 11, 1992	Copyrights and wrongs

PROJECTS

Work is progressing well with the Union List of Hospital Library Holdings. The 1993 **CHLA/ABSC** Conference Planning Committee has been struck for the Banff Conference.

TORONTO HEALTH LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION (THLA)

ANNUAL REPORT

Rosemary Ullyot, President

The 1991 - 1992 Executive:

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It has been a busy year for the membership of the Toronto Health Libraries Association. Madeline Grant programmed five stimulating and informative events over the year.

Susan Merry, Manager and Chief Librarian, CIBC Information Centre spoke on Copyrights and Wrongs at the first meeting in September.

A workshop on Information Malpractice was facilitated by Marianne Puckett and Pamela Ashley of Louisiana State University. This workshop was a joint MLA accredited program with OHLA. The workshop was an overview of relevant issues, areas of vulnerability and measures of prevention.

The annual Christmas meeting cum party was held as usual at the Ontario Cancer Institute and was hosted by Carol Morrison and her charming and able staff. Live music was provided by Gord Lindsay.

February's meeting Tricks of the Interlibrary Loan Trade was a panel discussion consisting of Elizabeth Reid from the Toronto Western Hospital, John Jackson from the Ontario Cancer Institute and Kent Weaver from the Science and Medicine Library, University of Toronto. The aspects of volume, charging and emerging technologies were examined. A lively discussion followed the panel.

Stephen Abram of Thomson Professional Publishing spoke on How Others See Us: Images of Librarians. Stephen presented the results of the inter-association task force on image. He outlined the groups surveyed, the questions asked and the conclusions reached. He made some valuable suggestions as to how the profession might raise both its profile and its salary.

The annual dinner meeting was held at the University Women's Club. The guest speaker was Richard Landon, Chief Librarian of the Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library of the University of Toronto. His presentation Forgery and Fraud: Murder and Suicide Mysterious Adventures in the Rare Book Trade was both amusing and informative. Richard's talk put paid to the notion that antiquarian book dealers and collectors are a dull and mouldy lot.

Two Lifetime Memberships in the THLA were awarded at the annual dinner meeting. They were given to Beatrix Robineau and Sheila Swanson for their contribution to the profession and to the Association.

Five issues of the THLA News were produced. The Association has 145 members.

WELLINGTON-WATERLOO-DUFFERIN HEALTH LIBRARY NETWORK

ANNUAL REPORT

Co-Chairs: **Thelma Bisch,**
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Over 20 institutions and health agencies are members of the Network but only 9 are active participants.

Four meetings were held over the year. A major focus was a revision of the Constitution which included provisions for a graduated fee for participating members. Emphasis in future will be to involve all members as it was felt that all have valuable experience and resources to enrich network activities. A book fair was held in conjunction with the March meeting.

Participating libraries exchanged many articles over the year and there was an active exchange of expertise and ideas.

WINDSOR AREA HEALTH LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION (WAHLA)

ANNUAL REPORT

Toni Janik, President

WAHLA met twice this year, each meeting including a program of education and discussion of future programming. We met at Hotel Dieu Hospital September 18, 1991 and elected the following officers:

Coordinator: Toni Janik

Secretary: Diane Jewkes

Treasurer: Anna Henshaw

Our second meeting April 1, 1992 was held in Sarnia at the St. Joseph's Health Centre.

Our WAHLA Union List of Serials is currently under revision with a 16th edition soon to be published. The WAHLA monographic union list on Nutshell Plus is expanding as more members submit their holdings for inclusion. We now have over 3700 items included in this listing.

Group projects continue to include the Repository Journal Agreement, the Inter-library Loan Agreement with the Detroit Group, and updating Grace and Hotel Dieu Libraries' holdings on OCLC in the Michigan State Union List.

CONTINUING EDUCATION:

CAN/OLE - May 28 and 29, 1992
Total Quality Management
Telemedicine
Round table problem solving discussions

CONFERENCES:

Members continue to report to WAHLA on conferences they have attended. This year, our members attended the OHLA-OHA annual meeting, the quarterly meetings of the MDMLG, the London Area Health Libraries Association meetings and **CHLA/ABSC**.

CHLA/ABSC 17th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

JUNE 12 - 16, 1993

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"PEAK PERFORMANCE"

At **CHLA/ABSC** 1993 we will examine how Health Libraries can maximize their "performance" in these times of rapid change.

We are now requesting submissions for the contributed papers session. If you or your library have developed an innovative program, conducted interesting research, or have a new approach to providing traditional services, consider sharing your findings with your colleagues. To be considered for the session, please submit a short abstract (250 words or less) by November 30th, 1992.

A poster session is also being planned for you to share projects and research results in a more informal way.

Abstracts, or requests for further information, should be sent to:

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PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

Ms. **Hanna Waluzyniec** has been appointed to the position of Physical Sciences and Engineering Area Librarian, McGill University Libraries, Montreal, Canada. Ms. Waluzyniec joined the McGill University Libraries in 1976 as Head of Cataloguing in the then Medical Library. In 1982, she became Head of Reference in the Medical Library and in 1988 she was appointed Public Services Librarian at the Physical Sciences and Engineering Library. She has been serving as Acting PSEAL Area Librarian since July 1991.

Robert MacKay Melrose is the new Associate Librarian for the College of Family Physicians of Canada. Robert will manage the library at the national office of the College in Mississauga, Ontario. He will be responsible for services to College staff and committees and for providing services in French. Robert has been working at Montreal Children's Hospital for the last four years, and his areas of special expertise are cataloguing and indexing. The College will continue to maintain the library service based at the University of Western Ontario in London. Both sites look forward to providing expanded library services to the family medicine community.

A retirement luncheon was held for **Andras Kirchner**. A long-time member of **CHLA/ABSC**, he had been director of the Medical Library at the University of Calgary for 21 years.

CHLA/ABSC / OHLA TELECONFERENCE SERIES, presented through Telemedicine Canada

Hospital Libraries Series Moderator: **Jill Faubert**
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02 October 1992	Information & Informed Choice: the Consumer Health Information Service	Susan Murray Sharon Taylor
23 October 1992	Establishing a Patient & Family Library	Gale Turnbull
13 November 1992	Information--You--Technology --Now & in the Future	Ulla deStricker
04 December 1992	Information Professional's Image: Making Ours Work for Us	Stephen Abram
15 January 1993	Perinatal Outreach Program & Resources	Nancy Dodman
05 February 1993	Getting into DOCLINE!	Jim Henderson

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RECORD CANADIAN ATTENDANCE AT THE MLA MEETING IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

Jan Greenwood

Canadians were much in evidence at the MLA Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. in May, and were particularly well (and sometimes noisily!) represented at sessions on the proposed new dues structure, problem-based learning and consumer health. Despite an over-packed schedule, Jennifer Bayne, as the **CHLA/ABSC** Representative to MLA, managed to organize a well-attended get-together over drinks and everyone spread the word about the **CHLA/ABSC** Annual Meetings planned for Winnipeg and Banff!

Cindy Walker-Dilks and Ann McKibbon from McMaster gave their continuing education course Panning for gold: How to apply research. Joan Leishman, Susanne Tabur, Cheryl Martin and, together, Jennifer Bayne, Linda DeVore and Nancy Young contributed poster sessions on, respectively, "The Health Science Information Consortium of Toronto", "Response to a need: Institutional implementation of a Consortium network concept in a large multi library setting", "The pulse and pluses of CD Plus PlusNet2 at the University of Toronto: Technical issues and answers" and "Teaching Medline in the Clinical Epidemiology Program at the University of Toronto". Susan Murray also made the "Late-breaking News" forum with an introduction to the new Consumer Health Information Service she coordinates through the Toronto Metropolitan Reference Library (with back-up services provided by the Toronto General Hospital). In addition, Dorothy Fitzgerald and Joanne Marshall presented papers on a joint study of Library use in problem-based and traditional medical curricula, while Ann McKibbon presented "Using the clinical literature for patient care".

The issue of a dues category for international members raised special concerns with respect to Canadians who are already receiving MLA benefits under the Bilateral Agreement between **CHLA/ABSC** and MLA, including member-rate for attendance at MLA conferences and continuing education courses, and MLA credits for **CHLA/ABSC** sponsored courses. It was therefore suggested that the international membership category be restricted to non-US and non-Canadian members. The dues forum also prompted concerns that some MLA cross-border chapters are out of (bylaw) compliance because of Canadian participation, or lack thereof.

Next year the MLA Annual Meeting will take place in Chicago, home of the MLA and AMA headquarters, great jazz and opera, fine galleries, renowned architecture and good food. Jan Greenwood, as Membership Chair of the International Cooperation Section, will be principally responsible for hosting an International Welcoming Reception and will be looking for ideas to make this a great success. With **CHLA/ABSC** having its Annual Meeting in Banff, and MLA in Chicago, 1993 will provide a great opportunity for cross-border networking.

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